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AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF IRANIAN F-5S TO JORDAN

REF: A) TEHRAN 10880 (DTG 090855Z NOV 75); B) AMMAN 8067
(DTG 091143Z NOV 75)

1. ON BASIS ASSURANCES IN PARA 2 OF REF A THAT ONLY AIR-
CRAFT AND NO SPARES OR MUNITIONS BEING TRANSFERRED, DEPART-
MENT HAS INITIATED PROCEDURE OF INFORMING CONGRESS OF
INTENT TO CONCUR IN IRANIAN TRANSFER OF 10 F-5AS TO JORDAN.

2. FOR AMMAN: YOU SHOULD NOW PROCEED TO REQUEST WRITTEN
ASSURANCES FROM GOJ THAT AIRCRAFT WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED
TO THIRD COUNTRY WITHOUT USG CONCURRENCE; SAME TYPE OF AS-
SURANCES AS OBTAINED IN SEPTEMBER (AMMAN A-97) WILL BE
SATISFACTORY. IN REQUESTING ASSURANCES YOU SHOULD POINT
OUT THAT WE WERE INFORMED OF IMPENDING TRANSFER BY
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IRANIANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES REQUIRED BY US LEGIS-

LATION. YOU SHOULD USE OCCASION TO EMPHASIZE NEED TO KEEP USG FULLY INFORMED CONCERNING PLANS TO ACQUIRE US-SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT FROM OTHER THAN US SOURCES SO THAT US STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS MAY BE MET IN TIMELY MANNER AND POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH THOSE REQUIREMENTS--AND ATTENDANT PROBLEMS--MAY

BE AVOIDED. IF GOJ RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS, YOU SHOULD DRAW ON STATE 252945 OF NOVEMBER 15, 1974.

3. FOR TEHRAN: WE WILL INFORM YOU OF APPROVAL OF TRANSFER AS SOON AS WE HAVE RECEIVED ADEQUATE THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER ASSURANCES FROM GOJ, AND CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

4. WHILE NOT WISHING TO QUESTION TOUFANIAN'S SINCERITY, IT STRIKES US THAT FORMULATION HE USED AS REPORTED IN REF A QTE NO SPARES OR MUNITIONS WOULD BE SENT WITH AIRCRAFT TO JORDAN UNQTE MIGHT BE DISINGENUOUS. SPARES AND MUNITIONS SENT TO JORDAN IN ASSOCIATION WITH DECEMBER F-5 TRANSFER DID NOT GO QTE WITH UNQTE AIRCRAFT BUT WERE SENT IN SERIES OF C-130 FLIGHTS EXTENDING OVER PERIOD OF MONTHS. COUNTRY TEAMS IN BOTH JORDAN AND IRAN SHOULD BE ALERT TO AND REPORT ANY INDICATION THAT SHIPMENTS OF SPARES OR MUNITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH F-5S ARE TAKING PLACE. KISSINGER

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